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SUBJECT: LABOR LEADER'S NAME MISTAKENLY ON PURGE LIST

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1. IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE. NEWSPAPERS SEPTEMBER 23 CARRIED NEWS RELEASE "CORRECTION" ISSUED BY PRESIDENTIAL PRESS STAFF. BRIEF STATEMENT READ: QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCES THAT SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSIONER DEMOCRITO MENDOZA IS NOT AMONG THOSE WHOSE RESIGNATION WAS (SIC) ACCEPTED BY THE PRESIDENT. MENDOZA HAD OFFERED TO RESIGN BUT HIS RESIGNATION WAS NOT ACCEPTED. END QUOTE. UNFORTUNATELY, WHILE INITIAL CHARGE RECEIVED PROMINENT FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT, CORRECTION REPORT BURIED INSIDE PAGES IN ALL BUT BULLETIN TODAY. AT LEAST MENDOZA WAS IN GOOD COMPANY. BULLETIN TODAY APOLOGIZED FOR "INADVERTENTLY" INCLUDING AGRICULTURE SECRETARY TANCO'S NAME AMONG OFFICIALS FIRED BY MARCOS.

2. MENDOZA COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS TO LABATT SEPTEMBER 24 AFTER ARRIVAL FROM CEBU. EXPERIENCE HAD BEEN AGONIZING. CEBU PRESS HAD REPORTED IN SPECTACULAR MANNER THAT HE HEADED LIST OF ELEVEN CEBU OFFICIALS WHO WERE SACKED. SPECULATING ON POSSIBLE REASONS BEHIND WHOLE AFFAIR, MENDOZA SAID HE HAD STEPPED ON MANY TOES SINCE HIS UNION ORGANIZATION (ALU)

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ADOPTED MORE "AGGRESSIVE POSTURE" FROM NORTH TO SOUTH OF

COUNTRY. REFERRING TO LAND-GRABBING ACCUSATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH HIS FISH POND PROPERTIES IN CEBU (SEE REFTTELLN HE STATED THEY HAD BEEN INSTIGATED SOME TIME AGO BY MUNICIPAL MAYOR OF LILOAN (WITH SUPPORT OF CEBU'S GEN. AMOR) WHO HAD LONG BEEN HIS "POLITICAL ENEMY." MENDOZA POINTED OUT THAT SEVERAL OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIONS HAD DETERMINED CHARGES GROUNDLESS. FINALLY, HE CONFIDED THAT LABOR SECRETARY BLAS OPLE HAD ASSISTED IN CLEARING UP RESIGNATION MISTAKE.

3. COMMENT: APPEARS LIKELY THAT TOUGH LABOR LEADER INDEED HAS ANY NUMBER ENEMIES WHO COULD HAVE CONSPIRED HAVE HIS NAME APPEAR ON PURGE LIST. DESPITE "CORRECTION" ISSUED BY MALACANANG, INITIAL BAD PUBLICITY WILL NOT HAVE HELPED HIM. MENDOZA DEPARTING OCTOBER 1 FOR AFL-CIO CONVENTION. SULLIVAN

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